Docket No.: 61352-041

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a)

Prior Application:

International Application No. PCT/JP02/13350

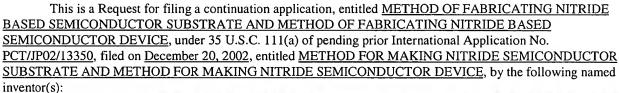
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1. 🛛	I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true of	сору
	of the above-identified prior application.	

2. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

2a. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

3. Cancel claims



10/620432 10/620432 4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 2 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims ,	22	-20	2	\$18.00 =	\$36.00
Independent Claims	6	-3	3	\$84.00 =	\$252.00
Basic Application Fee				\$750.00	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00			\$0.00		
Total Application Fee					\$1038.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					\$0.00
Assignment and Recording Fee			\$40.00		
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE			\$1078.00		
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417					\$1078.00

4a. 🗌	Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
4b. 🗌	A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
5. 🛚	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
6.	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
7. 🖾	Priority of Japanese Application Serial No. <u>2001-387033</u> filed on <u>December 20, 2001</u> , in <u>Japan</u> and International Application No. <u>PCT/JP02/13350</u> filed <u>December 20, 2002</u> designating the U.S. is claimed under 35 USC 119, 120 and/or 365. A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
8.	The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. Osaka, JAPAN
9. 🔲	The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Also enclosed: 39 pages of specification, claims, and abstract

11 pages of drawings
Declaration and Power of Attorney
Assignment
Form PCT/IB/301, 304, 345

11. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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